



Growth Group Discussion Questions for Mark 14:32-52
Week of April 7-10, 2019

1. Scripture memory: Review 1 Peter 1:3-5; Memorize, meditate on, and be ready to recite 1 Pet 1:6.
2. Carefully read Mark 14:26-52. The events in this text occur during the night on Thursday, after Jesus shares in the Passover meal with his disciples (vv. 12-25), the day before what we know as Good Friday. Gethsemane is at the Mount of Olives, a short distance from the Temple in Jerusalem.
3. Also read the parallel accounts in Matt. 26:36-56 and Luke 22:39-46. What additional details do these accounts bring to the story?
 - Matt. 26:35-56

 - Luke 22:39-53
4. Why was Jesus so overwhelmingly distressed, troubled, and sorrowful? (Mark 14:33-34)
5. Jesus used a form of the phrase "my hour/my time has not yet come" several times during his ministry (e.g. John 2:4; 7:6, 8, 31; 8:20). Now, Jesus says, "the hour has come" (v. 41, also v. 35). What "hour" is Jesus referring to? What did he know would happen in this hour? (John 12:27-33)
6. Jesus knew that he had come to complete the work of the Father's plan of redemption.
 - a) Did Jesus know that the culmination and grand purpose of his coming was the cross – his suffering and death? What did Jesus express about this in Mark 8:31-32, 9:30-32, 10:32-34, 45?

 - b) Why, then, do you think Jesus prayed the way he did in 14:35-36?
7. What do you learn from Jesus' prayer in 35-36? Carefully think through each phrase. What are your thoughts on each phrase? What do you learn that you can apply to your own prayer life?
 - "He fell on the ground and prayed"

- “that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him”
- “Abba, Father”
- “all things are possible for you”
- “Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will”

8. Why was Judas’ choice of signal to the Jewish authorities to identify Jesus loaded with painful and stinging irony? (Note Matt. 26:49-50)

9. On this incredibly powerful and important evening, Jesus told his disciples to sit, watch, and pray while he went some distance away and prayed, yet twice he returned and found them sleeping. He observed to them, “*The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak*” (v. 38). Where have you seen this to be true of you as well at times? How can you overcome the fleshly desire to “sleep” when God calls you to kingdom/gospel action? (Matt. 24:42-44, John 9:4, Acts 17:30-31, what else?)

10. What was Jesus’ response when Peter rashly lashed out and tried to stop Jesus’ arrest (John identifies him as Peter – John 18:10)? Explain. As understandable as it might have seemed under the circumstances, why were Peter’s actions completely against God’s will? (See Matt. 26:53-56; Mark 8:31-33, 14:49; Gen. 3:15, Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-12)

11. What principles or thoughts had the most impact on you from the message on Sunday, April 7th? How were you specifically challenged? What points of application did you take away from the message?

PRAY IN THE GROUP: Pray for our upcoming Good Friday and Easter services, that God would use them to change lives. Pray that God would stir the hearts of people in our community to join us to hear the life-changing message of the gospel. Pray about whom you might invite to these services.